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Public meeting on breakwater Monday in Los Altos

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Councilman Patrick O'Donnell will host a public meeting Monday to discuss the vision and next steps for Long Beach's Breakwater Reconnaissance Study.

The meeting will take place from 7 to 8:30 p. m. at Ecco's Pizza, 2123 Bellflower Blvd. The event is free and open to the public.

The study, which was approved by the council in 2005 and funded in July 2007, is part of two-step effort to identify how breakwater modifications will help improve water quality and improve recreational opportunities.

The breakwater is one of three offshore barriers that protect the Port of Long Beach. It served to safeguard the former Long Beach Naval Base, which closed in 1994.

Residents, surfers and environmentalists have contended that reconfiguration of the breakwater could eliminate beach erosion and lead to improved tidal activity and water quality.

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